

HUMBOLDT-DEL NORTE WEED MANAGEMENT AREA CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PROJECTS

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Selection process:

WMA-sponsored projects will be reviewed by the steering committee for consistency with WMA criteria identified below. In situations where multiple projects meet the intent of the criteria and funding is limited, the steering committee will review, discuss, and rank projects according to how closely criteria are met. Once a conclusion is reached, the results will be documented for the record, including the basis for selection and dissent, as appropriate.

Selection criteria:

The merit and feasibility of any given project will warrant discussion on a case-by-case basis. The criteria below serve more as guidelines than hard lines of decision-making. The list provides an element of objectivity for the rating panel and it helps the larger audience know the thought process behind the decisions.

Criteria logistical in nature:

- Adherence to specific criteria or intent of the funding source (control, education, mapping/inventory, research)
- Consistency with the HDNWMA Strategic Plan objectives (*pending updates*)
- Ability to accomplish project in the timeline specified by the funding source
- Relative cost of project
- Opportunity for partnerships
- If necessary, NEPA/CEQA adequately addressed (e.g. steps needed, timeline for completion)

Criteria related to the weed or population:

- Inclusion on established HDNWMA priority weed list
- Incipient population/new to Humboldt or Del Norte County
- Severity of threat (economic or ecological)
- Ability to manage/control the population
- Likelihood of reinfestation or secondary infestation
- Potential for eradication (or progress toward) at a site, county or state-wide scale

Criteria related to the site:

- Potential for success
- Visibility
- Presence of ecologically significant species, communities, habitats
- Number of jurisdictions/landowners benefiting from project
- Project sustains previous control effort
- Side effects of control measures